

Birding Ethics

- Be careful not to disturb nesting birds. Eggs or chicks left unattended are vulnerable to extreme temperatures or predators.
- Do not feed any wildlife and avoid disrupting the natural behavior of birds. Although an isolated disturbance may not be harmful to an individual's survival, cumulative incidences from other visitors may be detrimental.
- Please do not litter. It is unsightly and potentially dangerous to the wildlife.
- Be respectful toward nature and its wildlife.
- Finally, be extremely cautious and courteous when roadside birding; be sure to pull entirely off the road when observing wildlife and to always be aware of other motorists.

Enjoy and please practice ethical birding.

Date: _____ Time: _____
 Location: _____
 Weather: _____
 Observers: _____

KEY:

SEASON

SP -Spring (Mar - May)
S -Summer (June - Aug)
F -Fall (Sept - Nov)
W -Winter (Dec - Feb)

INDEX

c -Common (certain to be present in suitable habitat)
f -Fairly common (usually present in suitable habitat)
u -Uncommon (occasionally present in suitable habitat)
r -Rare (seldom present in suitable habitat; few records)

Each species was indexed according to its abundance in the Preserve, not on its likelihood of being observed. The species having no information in the index have never been documented (confirmed) in the Preserve, although suitable habitat is present and Big Cypress lies within their range.

BREEDING STATUS

+ -Known to breed in the Preserve
? -Breeding status unknown

* -Exotic species

SP S F W

LOONS

Common Loon

GREBES

_____ Pied-billed Grebe +	f	f	f	f
_____ Horned Grebe				

PELICANS, CORMORANTS, ETC...

_____ American White Pelican	u	u	u	u
_____ Brown Pelican.....	u	u	u	u
_____ Double-crested Cormorant +	c	c	c	c
_____ Anhinga +	c	c	c	c

HERONS, EGRETS, ETC...

___ American Bittern	f	r	f	f
___ Least Bittern +	f	f	f	f
___ Great Blue Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Great Blue Heron (white form)?	u	u	u	u
___ Great Egret +	c	c	c	c
___ Snowy Egret +	c	c	c	c
___ Little Blue Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Tricolored Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Reddish Egret.....	r	r	r	r
___ Cattle Egret +	f	f	f	f
___ Green Heron +	c	c	c	c
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron +	f	u	f	f
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron +	u	u	u	u

IBISES, SPOONBILLS, & STORKS

___ White Ibis +	c	c	c	c
___ Glossy Ibis +	u	u	u	u
___ Roseate Spoonbill ?	u	u	u	u
___ Wood Stork +	c	c	c	c

VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture +	c	c	c	c
___ Black Vulture +	c	c	c	c

WATERFOWL

___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	r		r	r
___ Canada Goose.....				
___ Wood Duck +	u	u	u	u
___ Green-winged Teal	u		u	u
___ Mottled Duck +	f	f	f	f
___ Mallard.....			r	
___ Northern Pintail	r		r	r
___ Blue-winged Teal	f	r	f	f
___ Northern Shoveler.....	r		r	r
___ Gadwall.....				
___ American Wigeon.....	r		r	r
___ Canvasback.....				
___ Redhead				
___ Ring-necked Duck.....	r		r	u
___ Lesser Scaup				
___ Common Goldeneye.....	r		r	r
___ Bufflehead				
___ Hooded Merganser	u		u	u
___ Common Merganser.....				
___ Red-breasted Merganser.....	u		u	u
___ Ruddy Duck				
___ *Muscovy Duck	r	r	r	r

SP S F W

IAWKS & ALLIES

__ Osprey +	c	c	c	c
__ Swallow-tailed Kite +	f	f	u	r
__ White-tailed Kite +	r	r	r	r
__ Snail Kite +	u	u	u	u
__ Bald Eagle +	u	u	u	u
__ Northern Harrier	u		u	u
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk.....	u		u	u
__ Cooper’s Hawk	r		r	r
__ Red-shouldered Hawk +	c	c	c	c
__ Broad-winged Hawk.....	r		r	r
__ Short-tailed Hawk +	u	u	u	u
__ Red-tailed Hawk +	u	u	u	u
__ American Kestrel	f		f	c

__Merlin.....	r		r	r
__Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r

URKEY & QUAIL

__Wild Turkey +	f	f	f	f
__Northern Bobwhite +	f	f	f	f

AILS, GALLINULES, COOTS, ETC...

__Yellow Rail				
__Black Rail.....	r		r	r
__King Rail +	f	f	f	f
__Virginia Rail.....	r		r	r
__Sora Rail.....	u		u	f
__Purple Gallinule +	u	u	u	u
__Common Moorhen +	c	c	c	c
__American Coot ?.....	c	r	c	c
__Limpkin +	f	f	f	f

RANES

__Sandhill Crane +.....	u	u	u	u
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LOVERS, SANDPIPERS, & ALLIES

__Black-bellied Plover				
__Wilson's Plover ?	u	u	u	u
__Semipalmated Plover.....	u		u	u
__Piping Plover	r		r	r
__Killdeer +	c	c	c	c
__Black-necked Stilt +	u	u	u	u
__American Avocet.....				
__Greater Yellowlegs.....	f		f	f
__Lesser Yellowlegs.....	u		u	u
__Solitary Sandpiper.....	r	r	r	r
__Willet				
__Spotted Sandpiper.....	u		u	u
__Whimbrel.....				
__Marbled Godwit				
__Semipalmated Sandpiper.....				
__Western Sandpiper	u		u	u
__Least Sandpiper	u	u	u	
__White-rumped Sandpiper				
__Dunlin.....				
__Short-billed Dowitcher				
__Long-billed Dowitcher				
__Common Snipe	f		f	f
__American Woodcock.....	r		r	
__Wilson's Phalarope				

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ULLS, TERNS, ETC...

__Laughing Gull	r	r	r	r
__Ring-billed Gull.....				
__Herring Gull				
__Gull-billed Tern.....				
__Caspian Tern	r		r	r
__Royal Tern.....	r	r	r	r
__Least Tern.....	u	f	f	
__Black Skimmer.....	r	r	r	r

IGEONS & DOVES

__White-crowned Pigeon	r	r	r	r
__* Rock Dove.....	r	r	r	r
__White-winged Dove.....				

—	* Eurasian Collared Dove	r	r	r	r
—	Mourning Dove +.....	f	f	f	f
—	Common Ground-Dove +	f	f	f	f

'UCKOOS

—	Yellow-billed Cuckoo +.....	u	u	u	
—	Mangrove Cuckoo.....				

'WLS

—	Barn Owl +.....	u	u	u	u
—	Eastern Screech-Owl +.....	f	f	f	f
—	Great Horned Owl +.....	u	u	u	u
—	Barred Owl +.....	c	c	c	c

'OATSUCKERS

—	Common Nighthawk +.....	c	c	c	
—	Whip-poor-will.....	u		u	u
—	Chuck-will’s-widow +.....	c	c	c	r

WIFTS

—	Chimney Swift ?	r	r	r	
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'UMMINGBIRDS

—	Ruby-throated Hummingbird +	u	r	u	r
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'INGFISHERS

—	Belted Kingfisher.....	c	r	c	c
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'OODPECKERS

—	Red-headed Woodpecker				
—	Red-bellied Woodpecker +.....	c	c	c	c
—	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u
—	Downy Woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
—	Hairy Woodpecker +.....	r	r	r	r
—	Red-cockaded Woodpecker +	f	f	f	f
—	Northern Flicker +.....	c	c	c	c
—	Pileated Woodpecker +	f	f	f	f

LYCATCHERS

—	Olive-sided Flycatcher.....				
—	Eastern Wood-Pewee.....				
—	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				
—	Acadian Flycatcher.....				
—	Alder Flycatcher				
—	Willow Flycatcher				
—	Least Flycatcher				
—	Eastern Phoebe	f	f	f	f
—	Great Crested Flycatcher +	c	c	c	c
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—	Western Flycatcher.....				
—	Eastern Kingbird +	c	c	c	
—	Gray Kingbird ?.....				
—	Western Kingbird				
—	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	r		r	r
—	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	r		r	r

HRIKES

—	Loggerhead Shrike +.....	f	f	f	f
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IREOS

—	White-eyed Vireo +.....	c	c	c	c
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—	Solitary Vireo	u		u	u
—	Yellow-throated Vireo.....				
—	Warbling Vireo.....				
—	Philadelphia Vireo.....				
—	Red-eyed Vireo ?.....	f	f	f	
—	Black-whiskered Vireo.....				

AYS & CROWS

—	Blue Jay +.....	f	f	f	f
—	American Crow +.....	c	c	c	c
—	Fish Crow				

IARTINS & SWALLOWS

—	Purple Martin +	f	f		u
—	Tree Swallow.....	c		c	c
—	N. Rough-winged Swallow				
—	Bank Swallow	r		r	
—	Cliff Swallow.....	r		r	
—	Barn Swallow ?	c	r	c	r

ITMICE

—	Tufted Titmouse +.....	f	f	f	f
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UTHATCHES

—	Brown-headed Nuthatch +	f	f	f	f
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REEPERS

—	Brown Creeper				
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/RENS

—	Carolina Wren +.....	c	c	c	c
—	House Wren.....	f		f	f
—	Sedge Wren	u		u	u
—	Marsh Wren.....	u		u	u

INGLETS & GNATCATCHERS

—	Ruby-crowned Kinglet				
—	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher +	c	c	c	c

HRUSHES

—	Eastern Bluebird +	f	f	f	f
—	Veery				
—	Gray-cheeked Thrush.....				
—	Swainson’s Thrush				
—	Hermit Thrush				
—	Wood Thrush.....				
—	American Robin	u		f	c

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IIMIC THRUSHES

—	Gray Catbird.....	f		f	c
—	Northern Mockingbird +	c	c	c	c
—	Brown Thrasher +	f	f	f	f

’IPITS

—	American Pipit.....	r		r	r
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/AXWINGS

—	Cedar Waxwing.....	f		f	f
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TARLINGS, ETC...

—	* Common Myna.....	r	r	r	r
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__	* European Starling +	f	f	f	f
<i>/ARB LERS</i>					
__	Blue-winged Warbler.....	r		r	
__	Golden-winged Warbler.....				
__	Tennessee Warbler				
__	Orange-crowned Warbler.....				
__	Nashville Warbler				
__	Northern Parula ?	c	f	c	c
__	Yellow Warbler				
__	Chestnut-sided Warbler.....				
__	Magnolia Warbler				
__	Cape May Warbler.....	r		r	
__	Black-throated Blue Warbler.....	f		f	r
__	Yellow-rumped Warbler	f		f	c
__	Black-throated Green Warbler.....	u		u	r
__	Blackburnian Warbler.....				
__	Yellow-throated Warbler	f	r	f	f
__	Pine Warbler +	c	c	c	c
__	Prairie Warbler +.....	f	u	f	f
__	Palm Warbler	c		c	c
__	Bay-breasted Warbler.....				
__	Blackpoll Warbler				
__	Cerulean Warbler				
__	Black-and-white Warbler.....	f		f	f
__	American Redstart.....	f		f	r
__	Prothonotary Warbler +	u	u	u	
__	Worm-eating Warbler				
__	Swainson's Warbler				
__	Ovenbird.....	f		f	f
__	Northern Waterthrush	u		u	u
__	Louisiana Waterthrush.....	r		r	
__	Kentucky Warbler				
__	Connecticut Warbler				
__	Mourning Warbler.....				
__	Common Yellowthroat +	c	c	c	c
__	Hooded Warbler				
__	Wilson's Warbler				
__	Canada Warbler				
__	Yellow-breasted Chat.....				
<i>ANAGERS</i>					
__	Summer Tanager ?	u	r	u	
__	Western Tanager			r	
__	Scarlet Tanager	r		r	
<i>'ARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, & BUNTINGS</i>					
__	Northern Cardinal +	c	c	c	c
__	Rose-breasted Grosbeak.....				
		SP	S	F	W
__	Blue Grosbeak				
__	Indigo Bunting.....	u		u	u
__	Painted Bunting	r		r	r
<i>PARROWS, TOWHEES, ETC...</i>					
__	Dickcissel				
__	Eastern Towhee +.....	c	c	c	c
__	Bachman’s Sparrow +.....	u	u	u	u
__	Chipping Sparrow	r		r	r

___	Field Sparrow				
___	Vesper Sparrow				
___	Savannah Sparrow.....	f		f	f
___	Grasshopper Sparrow	u		u	u
___	Henslow's Sparrow				
___	Le Conte's Sparrow				
___	Salt Marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
___	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow				
___	Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow +	u	u	u	u
___	Fox Sparrow				
___	Song Sparrow	f		f	f
___	Swamp Sparrow	u		u	u
___	White-throated Sparrow				
___	White-crowned Sparrow.....				
___	Dark-eyed Junco.....				
___	Cuban Grassquit.....				

LACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, COWBIRDS, & ORIOLES

___	Bobolink	u		u	
___	Red-winged Blackbird +	c	c	c	c
___	Eastern Meadowlark +	c	c	c	c
___	Yellow-headed Blackbird.....	r		r	r
___	Rusty Blackbird.....	r		r	r
___	Brewer's Blackbird				
___	Common Grackle +	c	c	c	c
___	Boat-tailed Grackle +	c	c	c	c
___	Brown-headed Cowbird	u		u	u
___	Shiny Cowbird.....				
___	Orchard Oriole				
___	* Spot-breasted Oriole				
___	Northern Oriole	r		r	

ORTHERN FINCHES

___	Purple Finch				
___	American Goldfinch	f		f	f

LD WORLD SPARROWS

___	* House Sparrow +	r	r	r	r
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Additional information may be obtained by calling the
(941) 695-4111.

Big Cypress National Preserve Visitor Center at

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BIG CYPRESS
NATIONAL PRESERVE
BIRD CHECKLIST

Welcome to our nation's first national preserve. Established in 1974, Big Cypress National Preserve ensures the protection and preservation of many ecologically important species and habitats. It also allows for the public enjoyment of the 729,000 acres through a variety of recreational uses. Bird-watching is one of the Preserve's principal attractions. Vegetation types such as cypress strands, hardwood hammocks, old-growth pinelands, sawgrass prairies, and mangrove forests support a wonderful array of bird diversity. This is illustrated by the 72 species of birds observed within the Preserve boundaries.

The Big Cypress bird checklist has two primary functions: 1) to inform visitors of the presence and abundance of bird species in the Preserve and 2) to assist the wildlife team in updating the list through visitor observations. Therefore, if you see any unusual birds (those listed as rare or not listed at all), please advise Preserve staff at the Visitor Center and fill out a wildlife observation card or write to: Big Cypress National Preserve, Attn: Wildlife Biologist, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141. Please be as specific as possible and remember that your reported observations are important and appreciated.

Recommended birding sites within the Preserve include Loop Road, Turner River Road, Wagonwheel Road, Birdon Road, and the Florida Trail. See the Big Cypress National Preserve brochure for locations.